

# St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

*"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"*

June 2011

## SUMMER WORSHIP

8:00 AM Outdoor Worship

9:30 AM Outdoor Worship

10:45 AM Indoor Worship

KRIB BROADCAST AT 9:30 AM

## A SUMMER POTLUCK BREAKFAST

will be held Sunday mornings at 7:30. Bring your own table service and a dish to share such as an egg dish, sausages, fruit, muffins, and coffee cake.

## AN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

will be held on Saturday, June 18, from 9:00 to 3:00. If you, or someone you know, would like to take the class to be confirmed or as a "refresher", please contact Pastor Paul.

**THE BLOOD DRIVE** at St. James will be on Wednesday, June 15, from 2:30 until 5:00 PM. You are invited to give blood that day or encourage someone who can. You can sign up this Sunday, or call the church office or Erica Tlusty at 749-2200.

**PASTRY PUFFIN ORDERS** will be in this Thursday afternoon, June 2. Please pick yours up, they will be in the Fellowship Halls kitchen's freezer. If you haven't paid for yours please do so when you pick them up. Thank you.

**A SPECIAL APPEAL** for the cost of asbestos removal is under way. The appeal with help with the \$5000 + cost of removal. An envelope is enclosed. Donations may be brought this Sunday or a week from Sunday.

## Pastor Paul's Ponderings...

### Sharing of Time & Talents

The annual distribution of Time and Talent sheets is such an important part of the ministry here at St. James. Thank you so much for your participation in completing these forms and then responding affirmatively, when possible, when you are called.

If you were able to be at worship a week ago Sunday, you heard Carol Edwards and Dar Wade (wearing "colorful" hats!) thank the congregation for their participation in the annual rummage sale. As you can guess, it takes many, many volunteers to make the rummage sale the success that it is. One of the areas of service listed on the Time & Talent sheets is *Rummage Sale workers*. All together 35 volunteers were involved, with all names contacted who volunteered on the Time & Talent sheet to help. In addition, there were 96 persons who said they could bring rummage to the sale and these persons were each contacted via mail or email, thanking them for the offer to donate rummage and asking them to bring their items to church prior to the big sale.

Other areas in which we have found the Time & Talent forms very helpful is in the area of worship participants. Scheduling scripture readers, which I do, is almost exclusively done thanks to those who have signed up on the Time and Talent sheets. Those who establish ushers' and greeters' schedules find it helpful to have a ready-made list to work from. When Sarah needs volunteers in the church office, she knows who to call.

It should be said that other areas on the Time & Talent sheets are used only infrequently, if at all, during the course of a year. Categories such as "General Repair" or "Provide overnight housing" are wonderful to have on the form, but they may or may not get referred to for quite some time. Those who have signed up for areas such as this are asked to recognize that they will get contacted only when the need arises, which may be anywhere from next week to a year or two from now.

Sometimes, though, an oversight occurs when working with the tabulation of the Time & Talent sheets. Perhaps a person volunteered to help in an area that is frequently needed, but they were not contacted. If this happens to you, we apologize. Secondly, we ask that you notify one of us at the church and let us know of the omission. It can happen that a person gets missed when the forms are tabulated and it is important that we are contacted with anyone who inadvertently got omitted from the compiled list.

Any questions about how the Time and Talent sheet are used? If so, contact anyone on the Stewardship Board, or me. Thanks so much for all you do, to be a good steward of your time and talents!

# News From Our Members

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members or former members of St. James since the last Journal... Dotty Brown, Margaret Christensen, Ron Jensen, Sylvia Pahl, Delbert Pals, and Don Sabbann.

*Please notify the church office whenever a member of St. James is hospitalized. Also, please call if anyone has been inadvertently omitted in the above list.*

## **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to:

- The family of Ruby Easley. She died on May 24. The memorial service was at the IOOF Home on May 27.
- Jeff Marsters and family on the death of Jeanine. She died on May 12. The funeral was here at St. James on May 17.

*When there is a death of a family member, please call the church office so that we may make a note of it in an upcoming Journal. Also please call the church office if a name has been inadvertently omitted.*

## **WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS IN YOUR FAMILY:**

please notify the church office or one of the pastors. Also, a periodic update on their health is appreciated. We want to pray for those who are facing health issues.

## **RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

- Lexi Leigh Rowe, daughter of Paul Rowe and Toni Torres was baptized April 2.
- Toni Teresa Torres was baptized April 2.
- Colton Rocket Hesley, son of Travis and Alyse Hesley was baptized May 1.
- Devanie Railynn Mora, daughter of Julian and Rebecka Mora was baptized May 5.

**Congratulations!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

Darlene Gunderson who recently retired after working for Wal-Mart for 26 years.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** to the following couples who were recently married:

- Holly and Wade Crooks who were married on May 7.
- Lisa and Mark Heimer who were married on May 28.

## **RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES**

- Troy L. Bowers graduated with his Associates in Science Degree-Pre-Engineering from NIACC on May 6 and will be attending Iowa State University for Electrical Engineering in the fall.
- Emily Knoop graduated from NIACC on May 6.
- Tonya Kramer graduated from NIACC on May 6. She will be attending ISU in the fall.
- Emily Mujica graduated on May 6 from Iowa State with a degree in Family Services.
- Elizabeth Oeltjenburns graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida on May 7.
- Laura Piersma graduated from University of Iowa with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing on May 15.
- Ross Piersma graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science on May 7.
- Jarrod Tell graduated on May 14 from the University of South Dakota with a degree in Electronic Media & Journalism .
- Cristy Tlusty graduated from Iowa State University with her Bachelors in Kinesiology on May 6.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!**

Nathan Bond  
Jocelyn Bryant  
April Curtis  
Alli Dingman  
Evan Fenske  
Patrick Furleigh  
Paige Hanson

Spencer Hanson  
Brittany Kammerer  
Austin Lorenzen  
Amber McLaughlin  
Alex Meyer  
Elizabeth Meyer  
Jayden Ott

Ashlyn Petersen  
Alyssa Post  
Colton Schlie  
Zachary Scott  
Mikayla Smith  
Keith Sutcliffe  
Jacob Ulstad  
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**June Softball Schedule for St. James Lutheran Church**

Games are at the Fredrick Hanford Park  
23rd St. SW Mason City, Diamonds #1, 2, 3



- June 3—Game starts at 6:15 PM on Diamond #3 against Harvestime Church
- June 10— Game starts at 8:45 PM on Diamond #1 against Trinity Lutheran
- June 17—Game starts at 6:15 PM on Diamond #1 against Messiah Lutheran
- June 24th—Game starts at 7:30 PM on Diamond #2 against Hanford Community Church

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## SCRIPTURE READERS



If you are unable to read on the scheduled Sunday please call someone else and exchange with them. If a change is made, please call the church office.

|         | 8:00 AM       | 9:30 AM       | 10:45 AM         |
|---------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| June 5  | Jean Groth    | Becky Miller  | Liz Kellogg      |
| June 12 | Marvyl Ransom | Laurie Haugen | Cynthia Tompkins |
| June 19 | Emily Knoop   | Susan Saltou  | Kim Platts       |
| June 26 | Val Dornbusch | Gary Lafrenz  | Donna Kellogg    |

## THE FLOWER AND RADIO BROADCAST CALENDARS FOR 2011



are on the bulletin board near Sarah's office.

The dates that are still available for sign up are:

### Flowers

August 7 & 21  
October 9 & 16  
November 20  
December 4 & 11

### Radio

July 24 & 31  
September 11 & 25  
October 16  
November 13 & 27  
December 11 & 18

The flower sponsorship is \$21 and the radio is \$45.

**You can sign up by writing your name in a slot or by calling the church office.**

## OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are

**Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

**Starting the week of June 6th, the hours will change to:**

**Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.**

*At times the gym door and Maple Drive doors will be locked.*

*Please use the main entrance at those times.*



## KOINONIA

Sunday, August 7

Picnic in the afternoon at Lost Island Lake in Ruthven.

More details will be coming in July  
August 14th will be the rain date.

- **SUMMER WORSHIP ADVENTURE!** This summer, we have an extra-special adventure for you! Each week watch for our MYSTERY FRIEND, SOLOMON in the bulletin and find the letter by his picture. Write down that letter every Sunday—and at the end of the summer, unscramble ALL the letters to solve a mystery phrase!
- All children who guess the mystery phrase will have their name put into a drawing for a special prize! All Sunday School-aged children (3 years through current 6<sup>th</sup> graders) are eligible to enter!



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A **SPECIAL THANKS** to John Diaz, Marlin Deike, Dave Frenz, Ray Groth, Jerry Hackbart, Harold Hansen, Don Plagge and Dale Plath for setting up and taking down tables and chairs for the funeral Tuesday, May 17th. Also, for all the work of moving tables and chairs outside for summer worship. Also, thanks to Mervin Slettin for picking up sticks around the trees!

~Bill Trask

A Big **THANK YOU** to all the people that donated and helped with the Rummage Sale. Thanks to the awesome volunteers that set up and took down the tables.

We made \$2404!!

Stewardship Board

## ~~ BAKE SALE ~~

On June 5th there will be a Bake Sale at the outside services.

This will be to raise money for our St. James Softball team, for their participation fees, etc.



We encourage the congregation, as well as the boards, to support the team by bringing a baked item!

It will be a free will offering, so there is no need to mark the your items.

**Baked goods may be brought Friday, June 3, during office hours or Sunday morning, June 5.**

~Growth and Life Board~

## SALAD RECIPE LUNCHEON BOOKLET

WELCA wants your salad recipes!

Our 2011 salad luncheon has been such a success that we want to make available all of your wonderful salad recipes for our congregation and visitors.

Please email recipes to:  
sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com or drop them off at the church office.

(If handwritten, please print the recipe.)

Please submit recipes until July 15.

We are looking forward to your overwhelming response!



Thanks,  
The WELCA board

## THE ANNUAL ST. JAMES TWINS' TRIP

will be on Saturday, August 27.

Plan now to see the Twins play the Detroit Tigers at Target Field.

Departure time for the 3:10 game will be 12 noon. Seating location is Rows 1-8 in the family section #311.

Total cost will be \$50 (\$28 for the Twins ticket; \$22 for the charter bus).

To sign up, please notify the church office.

**THE JULY JOURNAL**  
deadline is  
Tuesday, June 21, by 1:00  
PM.

**BULLETIN ARTICLES**  
are due on Thursday by 10:00  
AM every week.

## CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER

with a Middle School/High School Lock-in on  
Wednesday, June 22 from 7 PM-7 AM.

There will be movies, games, food, and  
lots of other activities.

Invite friends!

Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board  
outside of Pastor Jeni's office.

## FAMILY ROLLER SKATING

will be held on Sunday, June 26 from 2-4  
at Roller City.

Cost is \$6/person,  
which includes skate rental.

All ages are invited to come and  
you are encouraged to invite  
your friends and neighbors!!



## WE PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE CHRIST'S LOVE

**"DESIGN A T-SHIRT" CONTEST!** Design a logo that  
illustrates our mission Statement, and you could see **YOUR**  
**ART** on the new St. James t-shirts! **This isn't just for**  
**kids!** All ages are invited to participate. Check out the  
online Youth Journal for May for contest guidelines, ask  
Pastor Jeni or check with the office. Help us get the word  
out about our St. James Mission!!

## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

will meet June 5 at 4:00 PM  
at St. James in the Friendship Room.  
The speaker will be Steve Lovik from  
the American Cancer Society and  
will be speaking on the Relays for Life.

For questions, please contact  
Kathy at 424-4997 or  
Millie at 424-3360.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you are new to St. James and not familiar with this ministry or wondering about the awesome display in the narthex, provided by Alf Larson, here is some info for you.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started here at St. James in October of 2009. Since that time, we have had 84 shawls given out to church members, family, friends, neighbors, of all ages, here in Mason City or across the country. Our Prayer Shawl group meets monthly here at church (once during the summer). We work on shawls together, help each other learning how to crochet or knit and share patterns, bring in finished shawls and then we pray over them. We have had 9 year olds make a tied-fleece shawl to be given, so you can do it, too!

The ministry is supported by the congregation in 3 ways:

1. Those who receive the shawls are lifted up in prayer
2. Together we need many willing hands to wind yarn, knit, crochet, add fringe to the shawls and prayer over them
3. Individuals generously donate money or yarn to support the mission.

So, who can give or receive a shawl? Anyone is encouraged to give a shawl away if the Holy Spirit is leading you to:

- Comfort someone who is grieving
- Encourage a person dealing with a medical condition
- Help someone struggling with a difficult relationship
- Celebrate a birth, marriage, or other life event
- Letting a person know that God loves and cares about him or her



### **GIVE THEM A SHAWL! IT IS A HUG FROM GOD!**

Prayer Shawls are freely made and given in God's love. No one is ever charged for receiving a prayer shawl. Once we get shawls finished, they will be available in the narthex with instructions on what to do when you take one. If you'd prefer to have one of the pastors or the smile ministry group deliver a prayer shawl, contact the church office.

**We need more Prayer Shawls! Keep those hooks and needles going!**